

# **WAUKESHA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**MAY 11, 2005**

## **In Attendance:**

Paul Barthel; Vice-Chairman; Highway Commissioner Representative  
Mr. Dean Beekman; Wisconsin DOT Traffic Operations Center  
Ms. Katie Belmore; HNTB / Wisconsin DOT TIME Program  
Captain Varla Bishop, Wisconsin State Patrol  
Sergeant Jim Bramm; Menomonee Falls Police Department Representative  
Mr. Steve Cyra; HNTB / Wisconsin DOT TIME Program  
Ms. Susie Just; PARC Task Force  
Associate Medical Examiner Douglas Kelley; Medical Representative  
Specialist Steven Kraus; City of Waukesha Police Department Representative  
Lieutenant Larry LaFavor; Chairman, Traffic Safety Coordinator  
Trooper Steven Lindemann; Wisconsin State Patrol  
Mr. Richard Manke; Waukesha County Board Supervisor  
Sergeant Kenneth Pileggi; Village of Mukwonago Police Department Representative  
Mr. Dick Pfeiffer; Wisconsin DOT Highway Engineering Representative  
Sergeant Brian Ripplinger; City of Pewaukee Police Department Representative  
Sergeant Mark Tushaus; City of Brookfield Police Department

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman Lieutenant Larry LaFavor at 2:00 p.m.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Vice-Chairman Paul Barthel, from the Department Of Public Works, made a motion to approve the minutes, and Lieutenant Larry LaFavor, from the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department, seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved.

## **I-94 EMERGENCY ALTERNATE ROUTE OPERATIONS GUIDE**

Mr. Dean Beekman, from the Wisconsin DOT Traffic Operations Center; and Mr. Steve Cyra and Ms. Katie Belmore, from HNTB/Wisconsin DOT Time Program presented the Traffic Incident Management Enhancement I-94 Emergency Alternate Route Operations Guide. They have recently put together this guide to provide law enforcement the ability to establish emergency alternate routes. The guide provides visual representation of possible alternate routes to be used by incident responders for freeway emergencies and provides common reference for implementing alternate routes that include information on agency/jurisdiction contacts, stop and signal controlled intersections, and typical barricade placement for freeway on-ramp closures. They are working with the Waukesha Sheriff's Department and Wisconsin State Patrol together on recommended routes, where signals should be placed, where to close off ramps, and optional routes. Another phase will be the roadwork itself on the Interstates.

Sergeant Jim Bramm from the Menomonee Falls Police Department stated the first step in the program should be to take inventory by documenting and identifying the routes and the second step should be to implement the signing. The immediate purpose of the program is to bring out awareness to the areas of Waukesha County. Ms. Katie Belmore will put the guide on the Internet soon. Lieutenant LaFavor said the guide should be given to dispatch centers. Regular meetings should be held or some type of training, so the end users would be able to implement the educational part of the program. This could be accomplished perhaps by sitting in on various department's roll calls. There also are copies of the guide on CD's that will be provided upon request. It was requested that input be obtained on how the program relates to managing traffic incidents in the region.

### COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

#### ❖ PARC Task Force

At the last PARC meeting it was brought up that they will send out press releases or help reference the multi-jurisdictional grants. Their offer is open for a coordinated effort in this area.

Also the next Milwaukee County Traffic Safety Commission Meeting will be tomorrow (05-12-05), and they will be discussing the Red Light Running Program.

#### ❖ Medical

Associate Medical Examiner Douglas Kelley passed out a handout on the Waukesha County 2005 Fatal Vehicular Accidents.

### HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

Specialist Steven Kraus reported that the Waukesha Police Department had two fatal accidents:

Date of Accident: 03-10-05

Location: East Main Street and Paramount Drive

A pick-up truck rode under a semi-trailer coming out of an industrial park and the passenger died from injuries. A Failure To Yield Right-Of-Way citation was issued.

Date of Accident: 04-08-05

Location: Highway 18 and Meadowbrook

Mazda crashed with an ambulance and driver died two days later. Berm possibly hid view of driver. Husband of deceased is looking into the possibility of transmitters being installed in private ambulances. Perhaps more education is needed for drivers of ambulances to determine if calls are emergency or non-emergency and when red lights are required.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS CONTINUED

Lieutenant Larry LaFavor reported that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had one fatal accident.

Date of Accident: 02-11-05:

Location: STH 59, .4 miles east of Woods Road

This was a two vehicle accident, in the Town of Genesee, where a Pontiac Bonneville for an unknown reason veered and crossed over the centerline into eastbound traffic and struck a Chevrolet mini-van head-on resulting in three fatalities. There were no skid marks. The van had a total of seven occupants. Both drivers were deceased and also an infant in a child seat. The van had a total of seven occupants.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2005, at 2:00 p.m., at the City of Waukesha Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Sergeant Mark Tushaus, from the City of Brookfield Police Department made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Sergeant Jim Bramm from the Menomonee Falls Police Department. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich  
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department

**(Minutes approved on 08-10-05)**